on the above factors, which are highly dynamic in nature, Indian Airlines launches short term promotion schemes from time to time.

International airport status to Nagpur Airport

†239. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to accord international airport status to Nagpur Airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVILAVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) The State Government of Maharashtra has submitted a proposal to develop Nagpur Airport as a Multi-Modal International Hub Airport for passengers and cargo.

(c) In response to the proposal, Ministry of Civil Aviation has advised Government of Maharashtra to conduct a due diligence of Airport infrastructure at Nagpur and prepare a Road map for further activities to be undertaken.

Expansion and upgradation of airstrips in Uttaranchal

†240. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of CIVILAVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of air strips in Uttaranchal and the number out of them, being used for regular flights;

(b) whether the State Government has sought assistance from the Central Government for their expansion and upgradation; and

(c) if so, the details of the assistance being provided by the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVILAVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) There are five airstrips/airports in the State of Uttaranchal; out of which three belong to State Government. Only Dehradun Airport is being used for scheduled flights.

(b) Yes, Sir.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.